

REMARKS

By the present Preliminary Amendment, certain revisions have been made in the specification and claims. In particular, upon translating the Japanese PCT specification, two different terms were translated as "reflector" in the present application. The terms in the present application have now been clarified so that "lamp reflector" is used in various locations. It is to be noted that lamp reflectors are already described in the specification, such as with regard to several of the Figures briefly described on page 5, and the related discussions, such as the paragraphs bridging pages 24-25 and pages 26-27. With respect to the revision of the discussion of the term "(Rn)" and the related term "(Rn₁)", the amendments to the specification and claims simply make the understanding more clear. In particular, the discussion beginning at the bottom of page 13 explains how the terms are determined. For instance, as set forth in the paragraph beginning at page 14, line 13, (Rn₁) is calculated by determining the content of the non-metallic atoms on the surface of the polymer base by XPS measurement and comparing it to the content of the same non-metallic atoms at depths of 50 nm to 10 µm. This paragraph makes it clear that it is the total content of the non-metallic atoms that is important so that if only carbon and oxygen atoms are determined on the surface and only carbon and oxygen atoms are determined at depths of 50 nm to 10 µm, the content is 100 atomic % even though the absolute contents of carbon atoms and/or oxygen atoms at the surface might be different from the absolute contents of carbon atoms and/or oxygen atoms at depths of 50 nm to 10 µm. It can accordingly be understood that the amended description is clearer than the previous description which made reference to the "same atoms".

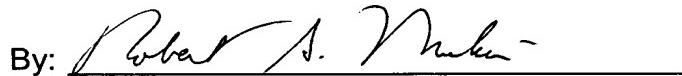
Finally, the ranges set forth in the sentence bridging pages 10 and 11 have been revised in order to be consistent.

Entry of the instant Preliminary Amendment and favorable consideration on the merits are respectfully requested.

Should the Examiner have any questions concerning the subject application, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned attorney at the number provided below.

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